

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

DATE: May 31, 2007

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:02 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 5:37 p.m

ATTENDANCE

ATTENDING MEMBERS

Lonell Conley, Chairman
Patrice Abdullah
Ginny Cain
Scott Keller
Dane Mahern
Angela Mansfield
Mary Moriarty Adams
Michael Speedy

ABSENT MEMBERS

Ryan Vaughn

AGENDA

PROPOSAL NO. 250, 2007 - authorizes and approves the execution of an agreement between the Consolidated City of Indianapolis and the City of Lawrence for the construction of sewer and bridge improvements

"Do Pass"

Vote 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 251, 2007 - amends the Code to clarify the qualifications of members of the air pollution control board

"Do Pass"

Vote 8-0

PROPOSAL NO. 252, 2007 - approves an appropriation of \$40,000 in the 2007 Budget of the Department of Public Works (Non-Lapsing Federal Grants Fund) to fund acquisition of bicycle racks and bike ports to be installed at the City Market, White River Park and the National Institute of Fitness and Sport on the IUPUI campus, financed by federal transportation enhancement funds granted from the Indiana Department of Transportation

"Do Pass as Amended"

Vote 8-0

PROPOSAL NO. 253, 2007 - authorizes parking meters and parking restrictions on Vermont Street and on Toledo Street (District 15)

"Do Pass"

Vote 8-0

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

The Public Works Committee of the City-County Council met on Thursday, May 31, 2007. Chair Lonnell Conley called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. with the following members present: Patrice Abdullah, Ginny Cain, Scott Keller, Dane Mahern, and Mike Speedy. Angie Mansfield and Mary Moriarty Adams arrived shortly thereafter. Absent was Ryan Vaughn.

PROPOSAL NO. 250, 2007 - authorizes and approves the execution of an agreement between the Consolidated City of Indianapolis and the City of Lawrence for the construction of sewer and bridge improvements

Bob Masbaum, Administrator, Department of Public Works (DPW) Engineering, said that the interlocal agreement gives DPW access to an easement that is in the City of Lawrence across the Fort Benjamin Harrison property. As part of another project at Shadeland Avenue and Fall Creek Parkway, DPW is upgrading a lift station and the flows that were going to the west are being re-routed to the east to the Fort Harrison lift station and the East Marion County interceptor. He said in order to get to that station and interceptor, DPW had to cross the Fort Harrison State Park and the City of Lawrence is allowing DPW to use their easement to construct a larger sewer than what is currently present. The sewer is being enlarged to handle all of the additional flow that will be directed to it.

Mickey Rogers, Executive Assistant, DPW, said that DPW will also be attaching a sewer line to the bridge on Shafter Road over Fall Creek Parkway. Mr. Masbaum said that in addition, DPW will rehabilitate the bridge and the deck of the bridge. Chair Conley asked if this project will use normal funding. Mr. Masbaum said that the funds to do the construction and the design work are coming from a Sewer Repair Fund. Chair Conley asked if there is an estimated cost. Mr. Masbaum said that he believes that it is approximately \$9 million for the entire project. He said that it is part of a series of projects that DPW is doing in that area to eliminate a sanitary sewer overflow that was at Lift Station Number 403.

Councillor Abdullah asked if the City of Lawrence is involved in the project or if they have benefited from the sewer system. Mr. Masbaum answered that the City of Lawrence does not directly benefit from the project, as the need is because the existing line is a 15 to 18-inch line and it can not handle the additional flow that DPW wants to provide. He said that the only thing that benefits the City of Lawrence is the repair of the leaking sewer and the maintenance of the bridge. Mr. Rogers said that the project is funded solely by DPW, and the City of Lawrence is not providing any financing. Mr. Rogers said that the project is part of the Consent Decree projects.

Councillor Mahern asked if the Councillors in the area are supportive of the project. Mr. Rogers answered that the bridge is on the border between Councillor Franklin and Councillor Bateman's districts and both are supportive of the project and proposal.

Councillor Cain asked if the money needed for the project is already in DPW's budget. Mr. Rogers answered in the affirmative. He said that being able to utilize the easement has been very beneficial and the City of Lawrence has been very cooperative.

Councillor Cain moved, seconded by Councillor Mahern, to move Proposal No. 250, 2007 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

[Clerk's note: Councillor Mansfield and Councillor Moriarty Adams arrived at 5:10 p.m.]

PROPOSAL NO. 251, 2007 - amends the Code to clarify the qualifications of members of the air pollution control board

Felicia Robinson, Administrator, Office of Environmental Services (OES), said that the Air Pollution Control Board is staffed and advised by her office. Ms. Robinson stated that there is a vacancy on the Board and she discussed information in a memo that was distributed to the Committee. The memo is attached as Exhibit A and summarizes the purpose of the proposal and outlines proposed changes that OES and the Board suggest. Chair Conley asked if the person who fills the vacancy should be of a particular segment of the community. Ms. Robinson stated that there are suggested changes to the criteria, as listed in Exhibit A. She said that there are a total of nine individuals that serve on the Board. Ms. Robinson said that the first suggested change is in response to past difficulties of finding Professional Engineers that are knowledgeable and experienced in air pollution control. She said that the second change is suggested because there is no present requirement for anyone with expertise in public health to be a member of the Board. In addition, the concept of having a solid waste disposal expert has diminished since the ordinance was first written, as all Solid Waste Disposal Combustors are regulated by federal and state laws. Ms. Robinson said that the third change is suggested because there is no one on the Board that represents small business. The last change is suggested as there is a connection between emergency preparedness and air pollution and between public safety and air pollution. Ms. Robinson said that changes will not take place until the expiration of the present rolling terms of the Board, therefore, no one will be unseated by the changes.

Chair Conley asked if there will no longer be a representative from Labor on the Board. Ms. Robinson answered that the person that is currently the Labor representative is consequently a Public Safety person. She said that chances are that if another person is chosen that is in Public Safety, that person may also be a member of a labor union. However, there will not be a requirement for a Labor representative.

Councillor Mahern asked if current Board members who do not meet the new requirement will be eligible for reappointed if desired. Ms. Robinson answered that she does not know if that will be a problem with any position on the Board because the current members will consequently fulfill the suggested requirements as well. Councillor Mahern said that he would like that to be examined so that it does not prevent a current Board member the opportunity to serve again.

Councillor Mansfield asked for the definition of process manufacturing. Ms. Robinson said that she believes that requirement was in the original ordinance to ensure that someone understood how an actual manufacturing process worked because air permits are issued based upon calculations determining whether or not someone is subject to the rule. Councillor Keller said that he believes that process manufacturing involves doing things that include the air versus assembly manufacturing which is bolting together car parts.

Councillor Speedy asked when a public hearing will be held for the suggested changes. NaTrina Moffett, Clerk, Public Works Committee, answered that this meeting is the public hearing unless that Board has held other public hearings. Councillor Speedy asked if there has been any input and feedback about the proposed changes from those who are regulated by the Board. Ms. Robinson answered that there has been ongoing public discussions over the past several years about this issue. She said that the Air Pollution Control Board hearings are public meetings and discussions with regard to this issue have taken place. No adverse comments have been received from any source. Councillor Speedy asked if there is an official action for the Board to take or if the decision is the dependent on the Council. Ms. Robinson answered that it is dependent on the Council and the Board and the 27-year chairman of the Board affirmatively endorses the proposal.

Councillor Mansfield moved, seconded by Councillor Cain, to forward Proposal No. 251, 2007 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 8-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 252, 2007 - approves an appropriation of \$40,000 in the 2007 Budget of the Department of Public Works (Non-Lapsing Federal Grants Fund) to fund acquisition of bicycle racks and bike ports to be installed at the City Market, White River Park and the National Institute of Fitness and Sport on the IUPUI campus, financed by federal transportation enhancement funds granted from the Indiana Department of Transportation

Dave Cleaver, Assistant Financial Manager, DPW, said that the Section 5 of the proposal should be amended by striking the word "no" and inserting the words "a 20%" because there is a match required for the grant.

Councillor Moriarty Adams moved, seconded by Councillor Mansfield, to amend Proposal No. 252, 2007 with the suggested changes. The motion carried by a vote of 8-0.

Mr. Cleaver said that the project started late last year. He said that it will be a unique project because federal aid projects are bid by the state and administered by the state, but the State is going to allow the City to acquire the equipment through the Division of Purchasing. The City will pay for the equipment up front and the State will reimburse the City. He said that the total project budget is \$50,000 and \$10,000 is coming from DPW's Capital Improvement budget. If the project comes in under \$50,000, all the money will not be spent. Mr. Cleaver said that the labor for the installation of the facilities will be donated by various participants.

Chair Conley asked if the racks are the old-fashioned ones. Andy Lutz, Project Manager, DPW, stated that the racks are actually bicycle lockers that are three-feet wide by four-feet tall by six-feet deep. Each locker contains two spaces for bicycles and they rent by a pay-by-phone method and distribution of a pin number to get in and out of the locker. Chair Conley asked what the cost is to rent the lockers. Ms. Lutz answered that there are three lockers at the Indiana Government Center that are free and the lockers at the National Institute of Fitness (NIFS) will be approximately \$5.95 per month or will offer a per hour charge. He said that NIFS is trying to work out a deal that if a person has a membership, the locker will be included.

Councillor Mansfield asked where the matching funds are going to come from. Mr. Lutz said that the funds are coming from the White River State Park property on which NIFS is located. Mr. Cleaver said that the funds will be transferred to DPW and payment will come from the City of Indianapolis because the City and DPW are the grant recipients.

Councillor Mahern asked how many bicycle racks can be at each facility. Mr. Lutz said that NIFS will have six lockers that hold 12 bicycles and there will also be seven additional old-fashioned type bicycle racks. He said that the City Market will have up to 10 lockers that will hold 20 bicycles and he is unsure how many lockers will be at the Government Center because it is a different project. He said that the number may be different depending on demand.

Councillor Moriarty Adams asked if the grant letter has been received. Mr. Cleaver answered in the affirmative.

Councillor Moriarty Adams moved, seconded by Councillor Mansfield, to forward Proposal No. 252, 2007 to the full Council with a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 8-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 253, 2007 - authorizes parking meters and parking restrictions on Vermont Street and on Toledo Street (District 15)

Nathan Sheets said that DPW worked with the Department of Metropolitan Development (DMD) and the Canal Place Apartments because there was a situation where parking was occurring on Vermont Street throughout the entire day. It seemed to be IUPUI students. He said that in order to provide more turnover and to encourage people to visit the canal, approval of installation of parking meters is desired. The parking meters will create the turnover and revenue for the City. Mr. Sheets said that a loading zone has also been established by Board resolution that is on the south side of Vermont Street that will help with people moving in or out of the Canal Place Apartments.

Councillor Mahern asked how many meters will be installed in the area. Mr. Sheets said that he believes that it is approximately eight meters. Councillor Mahern asked under what operational hours the meters will function. Mr. Sheets answered that the meters will be two-hour meters operating from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

Councillor Abdullah moved, seconded by Councillor Moriarty Adams, to forward Proposal No. 253, 2007 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 8-0.

Conclusion

With no further business pending, and upon motion duly made, the Public Works Committee of the City-County Council was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

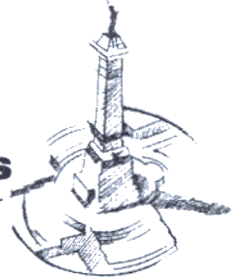
Respectfully Submitted,

Lonnell Conley, Chair

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Exhibit A

City of
Indianapolis
Bart Peterson, Mayor



Members of the Public Works Committee
City-County Council
Consolidated City of Indianapolis, Marion County

From Kumar Menon, Director
Department of Public Works *KM*

May 18, 2007

Re Indianapolis Air Pollution Control Board Composition Changes to Section 511-202

The Indianapolis Air Pollution Control Board and the Office of Environmental Services believe the composition of the Board should be changed to reflect the shift in the roles of both the Board and the OES. The composition of the Indianapolis Air Pollution Control Board, as outlined by the ordinance, has not been altered since the 1970's. The Board and OES have had discussions regarding changes to the Board composition over the past seven years. Given that there is a recent vacancy in Board membership, the Board and OES now propose language for changes to Sec. 511-202.

The proposed changes will:

- Open the pool of potential members to those who have an engineering degree and are knowledgeable and experienced in air pollution control engineering (as opposed to requiring the member to be a professional engineer);
- Replace requirements for members having knowledge and experience in solid waste disposal with knowledge and experience in environmental matters and public health, representing the public interest;
- Replace knowledge and experience in process manufacturing with knowledge and experience in environmental matters representing small business;
- Replace the labor representative with a member knowledgeable and experienced in public safety or emergency management.

The following positions will stay the same:

- Physician, licensed in the State of Indiana, knowledgeable and experienced in toxicology or respiratory disease;
- Attorney, admitted to the Indiana Bar;
- Member knowledgeable and experienced in fuel technology and combustion;
- Member representing industry; and
- Member representing the public at large.

The number and sequence of mayoral and council appointees will stay the same and no current member will be affected by the proposed changes to the board composition.

We respectfully ask for your support for these proposed changes

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